



sub tuum praesidium

Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –

Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all

Experience belonging.

Opportunity for all

**MASS TIMETABLE FOR
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA**

Weekend Masses

Saturday	8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am, 9.30am (Family) 11.00am (Solemn), 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri	6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Hol	8.00am

Pastoral Team

**Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev.
Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV**

Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini

Fr George Azhakath

Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)

St Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

1st February, 2018 Term 1 Week 1

Dear Parents

Welcome to the new school year for 2018. I hope you all had a restful holiday break and for those who have commenced work that it has been a good start for you. On behalf of the staff I would like to wish the children a year of wonderful learning and success.

I would like to welcome back our school staff who have already been working hard in preparation for the arrival of your children. The staff have returned to work with their usual enthusiasm and have organised some very exciting learning experiences. I take this opportunity to welcome Ms Elizabeth Issa who is our new music teacher for 2018 whilst Mrs Rodricks takes a year's leave. A special welcome is extended to our new Kindergarten children and the new families that have joined the St Patrick's Community. I know that they will soon feel at home amongst us and I encourage you to display the spirit of hospitality and friendliness our school is renowned for.

Best wishes is also extended to last year's Year 6 students as they commence the next stage in their schooling - high school. We are all looking forward to seeing them in their new high school uniforms.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that if at any time you need any assistance, have any questions or have any concerns regarding your children please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher or any other member of staff. I am more than happy to speak with you also and if by chance I am unavailable at the time will do my best to contact you as soon as possible.

God Bless You and your families,
Bernadette Fabri
Principal

NB: Parents you will notice that we are trialling a new format for our weekly newsletter and we look forward to incorporating new features as we become more familiar with the tool.

Our sincere condolences go to the Chivers Family (Isabella 4B & Christian KM) on the recent passing into Heaven of their baby girl Elyse. Please keep the family in your prayers.



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Navasardyan Family (Samuel 3L & Liza KA) on the passing of their Grandfather. Please keep the family in your prayers.



PRAYERS NEEDED

Can I please ask you to keep in your prayers the Missak family (Emmanuel 3T) His little brother, 12 month old Christiano, is unwell at the moment and the family has asked for your prayers.



ANAPHYLAXIS & ALLERGIES

Several children at our school suffer from food allergies – **some very severe.** Action plans are currently in place to administer medication to these children if it is required. To assist the staff and to help safeguard the health of these children I ask that you impress upon your own children the dangers of sharing their lunches with other students. In line with this policy we ask that you do not send birthday gift items such as lollies, cakes, easter eggs, etc for your child to give to other students. At times, teachers may give food treats to the children but they always check the suitability of these treats with the parents of allergy sufferers. **St Patrick's has a "no nut or nut products" policy, due to the number of children who are allergic to nut products. We ask for your co-operation in not sending nut products (especially Nutella , peanut butter and foods containing sesame seeds.** We will continue to educate the children in the classroom about only eating their own lunches and I will keep you informed of any other protocols we may need to put in place. Thank you for your co operation.

If your child has a medical condition and you have not informed the school office please do so as soon as possible.

If your child suffers from allergies or requires an epiPen please inform the Administration Office before your child starts school so that the correct action plan is implemented.

2018 School Fees

Statements will be mailed out the end of Week 3 (16/2/2018) with a due date of 21st March, 2018. Directions for direct debits or bpays will be included in the mailout, please take note of dates required to return forms.

ASSEMBLIES 2018

In an effort to better showcase the children's learning this year, we will be trialling a new schedule for grade assemblies. Each term every grade will be presenting either an item at a Friday assembly or a 'Celebration of Learning' which will be held in the classrooms. Some of you have already experienced these showcases through the Year 4 Travel Expo and Religious Literacy displays and the Year 6 museum for their Asian Unit. The feedback from the parents regarding these presentations has been very positive so we have extended the opportunity to parents of other grades.

Each term every grade will have either:

- a. a Friday Assembly which will be held at 2.15pm (Weeks 2 - 6)
- OR**
- b. a Celebration of Learning held in the classroom.

Days for these Celebrations of Learning will vary and may not be on a Friday so as to cater for parents unable to make Fridays. (Weeks 7 - 11)

For example if a grade had a Friday Assembly presentation In Term One, they will have a Celebration of Learning the following term and visa versa.

These dates will be available as soon as possible and will be advertised in the newsletter, through the Skoolbag Alert or through individual class correspondence. Accommodations have been made to ensure that children will receive their awards.

On occasion there will still be whole school assemblies and Open Days as per previous years.

Mobile Phones in School

Whilst we understand that some children are required to bring a mobile phone to school for safety reasons ie walking to or from school, no phones are needed during school hours. All mobile phones are to be dropped into the office prior to the morning bell and collected in the afternoon.

In an emergency, where the children need to be contacted, please call the office on 8832 4600 where a message will be passed on.

REMINDER: 2018 Team Sport Trials Nominations close THIS Friday 2nd February

2018 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials Expression of Interests close THIS Friday 2nd February for ALL TEAM Sports; AFL, Hockey, Football (Soccer), Netball, Rugby League 11 Years, Rugby League Opens, Rugby Union, Touch Football. Please go to the website for complete registrations.

Please only register once per sport using the link below by choosing the sport that you are nominating your child for and upon pressing the submit button a reply email should be receive to confirm the nomination. Schools will be notified in approx 10 days after the closing date of nominations.

<http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/rep-selections>

Sports Days for Term 1

Children will be participating in gymnastics in Term 1, so will be required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days for Term 1:-

KA	Monday & Thursday	3L	Monday & Thursday
KM	Tuesday & Wednesday	3T	Tuesday & Thursday
1C	Monday & Thursday	4B	Tuesday & Friday
1S	Tuesday & Wednesday	4G	Tuesday & Friday
2M	Tuesday & Friday	5C	Monday & Wednesday
2Y	Tuesday & Friday	5T	Monday & Wednesday
		6P	Monday & Wednesday
		6W	Monday & Thursday

SRC/House Captains Whole School Assembly

A Whole school Assembly will be held on Friday 16 February at 2pm to celebrate the selections of the Student Representative Council Members and House Captains. During the assembly the selected students will be receiving their SRC badges and House Colour badges. You are all welcome to attend the assembly and congratulate the students on their selection into these important roles.

Opening School Mass

On Friday 9 February you are invited to join us as we celebrate Eucharist and ask God's blessings for the school year. Mass will begin at 9.15am and is a wonderful way to welcome back returning students, parents and staff as well as welcome new staff, students and parents, especially our new Kindergarten students. During the Mass we will reflect on our unique gifts, dreams and aspirations and how we can work together to build our school community which is based on Respect, Compassion and Resilience. During the Mass the 2018 Student Leadership Team will receive their badges and will pledge to work together to Share God's love in word and deed.

Year Six Parent Information Session - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Year Six Parent Information Evening will be held in Week 2, 7 February at 7pm. All parents are encouraged to attend the meeting, where you will be given an opportunity to learn about the year ahead. We look forward to meeting you.

Ms Kelly, Mrs Millic and Mrs Standring

ST PATRICK'S SKOOL BAG APP

Thank you to the many parents who have already downloaded the new skoolbag app. **The newsletter will be uploaded to both our Skoolbag app and St Patrick's school website every Thursday. Should you require a paper copy please notify the school office in writing.**



The school calendar will enable you to view at a glance the upcoming events in Term 1. (All other terms will be updated shortly). Remember to check the calendar regular as events/times may change from time to time.

One of the best features that the Skoolbag app has given us, is the ability to notify your child's class teacher of their absence. It is mandatory that every absence is explained and this is a great way to ensure the class teacher is notified in a timely manner. Thank you to the many parents already using this feature.

To download the app please follow the instructions below:-

IPhone & iPad users

1. Click on the "App Store" icon on your Apple device
2. Type in " St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta"
3. If iPhone, you will see our school appear, click "Free" then "install"
4. If iPad, change the drop down list to "iPhone Apps", our school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install"
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "Ok" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
8. Toggle on the push categories that are applicable to your child/ren.

Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click on the "App Store" icon on your Apple device
2. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android device.
3. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in "St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta"
4. Click on the school name when it appears in the search
5. Click the "Install" button
6. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
7. Click "Open" when installed.
8. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
9. Toggle on the push categories that are applicable to your child/ren.

Once downloaded the main screen will look like this:-

Alerts:- will contain ALL new alerts that have been sent out ie messages from teachers, sports alerts etc.

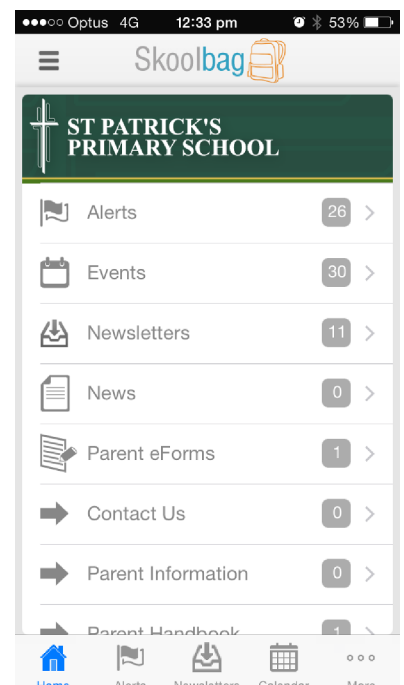
Events:- This tab is now linked to our Parent Calendar showing all upcoming events.

Newsletters:- The weekly newsletters are contained in this tab.

Parent eForms;- This has 2 sections:- **Absence notes/change of address** which will be emailed directly to the school. **Complete the fields it as easy as that!!**

Contact Us:- All of St Patrick's contact details ph/fax number, address and email address.

If you are having any problems with downloading or using the app just pop into the office where I will be happy to help—Mrs Jones



As of 2018 we will no longer accept cash/cheque for Book Club in the office. All orders will need to be processed through the LOOP platform. Please see instructions below. If you require help completing this order please contact Mrs Jones.

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

16th February 2018

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club **L**inked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION? Item No.

3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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Get ready for a Super Savers adventure with School Banking.

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This year in School Banking, your child will join the Dollarmites on a Super Savers adventure, developing strong savings skills.

School Banking encourages children to learn the value of saving and rewards those who demonstrate a regular savings behaviour.

New Super Savers reward items.

Introducing an exciting new range of reward items with two released every term.

Available in Term 1:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Notepad.

Your child can redeem one of these rewards, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.



Remember, with the CommBank Youth app, it's easy for your child to monitor the Dollarmites tokens they earn when making School Banking deposits and track their savings. Available to download from the App Store on any iOS9+ device.



A chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.



Students who truly are Super Savers will have the chance to win a family trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, staying 7 nights at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort, plus AU\$2,000 spending money.

To enter, students simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018, and they will automatically enter the Super Savers Grand Prize Competition.

To find out more about School Banking, or explore fun activity sheets for your child, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking